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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
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12 Plaintiff,  
13 v.  
14 CLAYTON HOWARD,  
15 Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:20-CR-00090-TLN

ORDER SEALING DOCUMENTS AS SET FORTH  
IN GOVERNMENT'S NOTICE

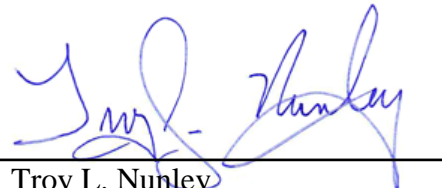
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18 Pursuant to Local Rule 141(b), and based on the representations contained in the Government's  
19 Request to Seal, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Government's Exhibit 2 to Government's  
20 Opposition to Defendant's Motion for Compassionate Release pertaining to defendant Clayton Howard,  
21 and the Government's Request to Seal shall be SEALED until further order of this Court.

22 It is further ordered that electronic access to the sealed documents shall be limited to the United  
23 States and counsel for the defendant.

24 The Court has considered the factors set forth in *Oregonian Publishing Co. v. U.S. District Court*  
25 *for the District of Oregon*, 920 F.2d 1462 (9th Cir. 1990). The Court finds that, for the reasons stated in  
26 the Government's Request, sealing the Governments's Request and Exhibit 2 serves a compelling  
27 interest. The Court further finds that, in the absence of closure, the compelling interests identified by the  
28 government would be harmed. In light of the public filing of its Notice to Seal, the Court further finds

1 that there are no additional alternatives to sealing the Government's Request and Exhibit 2 that would  
2 adequately protect the compelling interests identified by the Government.

3 DATED: December 19, 2023

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6 Troy L. Nunley  
United States District Judge